CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 6, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT OR PRESENT REMOTELY (R):
City Manager Jason Stilwell, Assistant City Attorney Heather Whitham for City Attorney Watson, Code Compliance Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen (R), Director of Finance Mary Harvey (R), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic (R), Director of Community Development Chuen Ng (R), Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada (R), Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Director of Utilities Shad Springer (R), and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Mayor Patino presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of October 5-9, 2020, as Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging residents to recognize and express appreciation for the dedication and services provided by the City of Santa Maria Code Enforcement Officers. Code Enforcement Supervisor Joy Castaing accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards, use safe cooking practices, have a plan in the event of a fire or other emergency, and respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately. Fire Chief Leonard Champion accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comment was received from Ed Zoost asking that consideration be given to adding a bus pullout in the sidewalk of the Betteravia Plaza project, in addition to having one adjacent to the new buildings.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3E were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-100. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 15, 2020.

Action: Minutes were approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution authorizing an application for, and receipt of, Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program funds to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

Action: Application to REAP Grants Program funds approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-100. 5-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATIONS

A. The City Council received an update regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation and presented a PowerPoint on recent changes to the Coronavirus pandemic, along with the change in the California tier assignment for the County of Santa Barbara from the purple tier (widespread) to the red tier (substantial) to allow more reopenings of local businesses.

B. The City Council received and filed the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Commission, Visitors Bureau, and Tourism Marketing District by Glenn Morris, President & CEO, and Jennifer Harrison, Director of the Visitors Bureau.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSALS.** The City Council reviewed and prioritized the Capital project proposals for FY 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Direction was given to the Block Grants Advisory Committee, staff, and participating applicants to go forward with the following priorities as presented.

Requester	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended by Staff
Recreation & Parks Department	Preisker Park Improvements	$550,000	$517,380
Public Works	ADA and Pedestrian	$500,000	$240,000
Utilities Department	Wharf Hydrant Replacement	$405,000	$135,000
Good Samaritan Shelter	Kitchen/Dining Room Overflow	$105,000	$95,000
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO)	Minor Home Repair	$125,000	$75,000
Central Coast Headway	Veterans' Affordable Housing	$61,454	$61,454
Special Projects	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	$10,000	$10,000

Should more money become available, the City Council recommended further consideration of options for increased ADA compliance and pedestrian safety.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.

B. **CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE.** The City Council received an update on code enforcement matters. Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: The City Council authorized staff to proactively enforce all violations and educate residents on all aspects of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield. Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reminded everyone that the League of CA Cities would conduct their conference on-line beginning October 7th at 10:00 a.m. The next regular City Council meeting would be October 20, 2020. Items on the agenda would include a presentation from Central Coast Community Energy (formerly Monterey Bay Community Power); an update on the AB1600 Growth Mitigation Fees; an opportunity for feedback regarding the Tourist Marketing District; and a General Plan Update.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmembers Cordero, Moats, Soto, and Waterfield had no AB1234 reporting activities

Mayor Patino reported she attended the SBCAG monthly Board Meeting; several County Legislative Briefings; a couple of Rotary meetings; the SMJUHSD School Board of Education Candidate Forum; a Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting; Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee interviews; a Day of Prayer event; the Hancock College Fine Arts Complex groundbreaking; and a Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction Project Labor Agreements discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on October 20, 2020.

10/23/2020

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

10/23/2020

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria